

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Oliver Administration Building

Present

Subcommittee: William OjilDell (Chair), Paul Brule and Karen Lynch

**School Committee, Administration and Staff: Denise Arsenault (6:20),
Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, John Saviano, Paul Silva, Edward
Mara, Melinda Thies, Jane Correia and George Simmons**

Bill OjilDell called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to approve the minutes to the January
20, 2009 meeting; Karen Lynch seconded; the motion passed by a
vote of 3 to 0.**

Warrant Review

No questions or issues.

Facilities

Sewer Injection Pump

George Simmons reported he had a local engineer check out the project. This engineer can design and build; if we have him design only and bid out the project, the cost for the design would be \$8,000; if we have him design and build, the cost of designing would be \$3,000. The existing pit would be used and a back up system installed. Paul Brule advised a stainless steel pump that raises and lowers on rails for easy access; the new pumps will be much smaller than the old one; Paul also feels if we go out to bid a good price on the work could be obtained as there are many people looking for work right now. George said both the design and build could go out to bid and this particular engineer could submit a bid; architectural services are not necessary.

MOTION: Karen Lynch motioned to go out to bid for a design and build for a new sewer injection pump at the high school. Paul Brule seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

Field Study Status

Ed Mara just received the draft report from the Gifford Design Group on the Mt. Hope High School field study; the bottom line estimate for all the work is \$2 ½ 2.2M. A member of the Booster Club is writing a

grant for funds for the football field. Marjorie McBride felt we should pursue the project on the basis of the stimulus money which is for infrastructure. Jane said half that stimulus money was just cut. The entire project could be pieced but this method would be more costly. Jane reminded the Committee a small loan could be secured without going before Joint Finance if it is repaid within three years. George said we are in negotiations now with Roger Williams University who is willing to contribute funds and waive our pool fee for the use of our tennis courts and track. Bill O'Dell asked that the document be formally received and reviewed and discussed again at the March Budget/ Facilities meeting after the Joint Finance meetings.

Gas Line

George Simmons met with Bristol Town Administrators and National Grid; evidently there has been some miscommunication as there is no urgency to this situation; the Town approved moving forward. There will not have to be cuts made into the street; because of this, George would expect a reduction in the cost. Start date is April 1, the project should be completed in two to three weeks and will not interrupt the flow of traffic, however, it will impact street parking.

Other Updates

Guiteras Geese: George Simmons is meeting with True Green in March; they have an environmentally safe chemical that can be applied, lasting two to three weeks, that makes the geese see the grass differently.

Saw Horses on Bradford Street: The saw horses were put away for the week end; George is looking into a removable chain system.

Marble Slabs at Colt Andrews: George reported Fee DaPonte replaced all the pieces that were not broken; Bay State Restoration can have the rest and will remove them once the weather breaks.

Technology Report: Paul Morris contacted Mr. May twice; the report will be coming.

Rockwell Outside Waiting Area: Karen Lynch said the Parents Group is talking about building a structure to protect students who are waiting for their parents outside of the building, to be paid for by the District. George had informed them this is not something they can just build without proper permitting and he in no way committed the District. They pursued a grant from Lowes; Lombard Possi was approached to donate a design but declined; George had Roland Robert give him an estimate for a design. Marj McBride feels the Superintendent should speak with Dr. Annotti right away about the realities of this idea. Parent pick ups is an issue unique to Rockwell; Karen Lynch reported the parents feel they must pick up their children to get them to their after school activities on time because the school releases so late. In actuality, Colt Andrews and Guiteras get out at the same time and it does not seem to be an issue. George over emphasized to the parents the need to come before the

Budget/Facilities Subcommittee.

George Simmons and Paul Silva left the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Budget FY 2009

Jane Correia had nothing new to report; the Governor's supplemental budget has not yet passed; testifying on behalf of the District at the Statehouse is very discouraging, involving a great deal of waiting and seems to be a waste of time.

Budget FY 2010

Jane Correia prepared three different scenarios of the budget request:

„Í 5% Reduction in State Aid and Full Requested Increases from Towns: This would result in necessary reductions of \$945,349

„Í 5% Reduction in State Aid and Level Funding from Towns: This would result in necessary reductions of \$2,388,349

„Í 8% Reduction in State Aid and Level Funding from Towns: This would result in necessary reductions of \$3,001,495

Allocation to Towns, based on October 1, 2008 student enrollment numbers, figured out to 64.47% to Bristol and 35.53% to Warren.

Jane said Principals understand that school budgets will be cut no matter what. After discussion the Committee agreed the prudent

thing to do is request the maximum possible under 3050 (first scenario). Joint Finance meeting dates have not been set yet; Jane is hoping for two again this year.

MOTION: Karen Lynch motioned that the Superintendent recommend to the full Committee at their next business meeting, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, a budget request in the amount of \$54,071,710 be presented to the Joint Finance Committee. Paul Brule seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill O'Dell asked if there was any objection to no further Subcommittee meetings before Joint Finance and him meeting with Jane by himself before the meetings to strategize, as he has done in the past; there was no objection, but all felt the academic achievements of the students and the District should be highlighted.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2009, 6:00 PM at Oliver

Adjournment

At 7:59 PM Paul Brule motioned to adjourn; Karen Lynch seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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